

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Governor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Nature endowed Louisiana with gifts that provided a springboard for major industry

that has brought great benefits to the people of the state; and these gifts include abundant oil and natural gas, salt done caverns, sulfur deposits, fresh water, and access to the world's oceans through the Calcasieu Basin and Mississippi River; and WHEREAS.

WHEREAS, the petrochemical industry, which has grown up around these natural assets, has

become one of Louisiana's greatest assets; and the Louisiana chemical industry acknowledges that it depends on Louisiana and state WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

residents for its resources, a well-trained workforce, and a strong business climate; and the industry provides direct jobs for over 30,000 Louisiana citizens and tens of thousands more in hundreds businesses that support the industry. with every job created by the Louisiana chemical industry, more than WHEREAS,

six additional jobs are created in the state; and

WHEREAS.

Louisiana is the nation's third largest chemical producer, the largest producer of agricultural chemicals, and the second-largest producer of

organic and inorganic chemicals; and

WHEREAS.

WHEREAS.

the Louisiana chemical industry produces nearly 40 percent of the value added in Louisiana manufacturing; and the state treasury receives more than \$475 million yearly and local governments receive more than \$315 million yearly due to household earnings generated directly and indirectly by the Louisiana chemical industry; and

industry; and

WHEREAS, Louisianians' lives are enhanced and improved every day by chemical

products produced in Louisiana, ranging from fire-resistant foam used in the beds we sleep in and the chairs we sit in, to the nitrogen in potato chip bags that give them a longer shelf life, to golf clubs to hard hats to

pacemakers; and the Louisiana Chemical industry is more than just a group of companies and is WHEREAS,

comprised of a collection of people who want the same things their neighbors want safe and clean communities and neighborhoods to live in, good schools, and a strong

WHEREAS.

the Louisiana chemical industry spends more money on pollution abatement measures than any other state - approximately one out of every four dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana chemical industry has reduced Toxic Release Inventory emissions

since 1987 by more than 80 percent; and

Louisiana chemical companies, their employees, vendors, and suppliers follow the example of generosity set by Louisianans by donating approximately \$10.7 million one-third of all monies raised by the United Way in 2001. WHEREAS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2004, as

Attest By

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

in the state of Louisiana. In Wilness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this

the May __day of ____ 19

Hataleer Babineous Blanco

Secretary of State